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MEETS THE SECOND WEDNESDAY, 8:00 P.M.

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660th MEETING

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SPECIAL NOTE: This is our ANNUAL DINNER MEETING. The Date is JANUARY 9th. The place is the GOLDEN AGE RESTAURANT, at 4545 W. 95th Street, in Chicago. Dinner will be served at 7:30 P.M. Arrangements have been made so that everyone can be there including those who do not have cars. Be at the Conrad Hilton Hotel on the Michigan Avenue side between 6:00 and 6:15 P.M. Frieda Schnell is in charge of transportation. Cabs will be provided for those who are going to the banquet. The cost will be \$2.50 per person. The club will pick up the tab for any charges over this per person putting three or four persons in a cab. Transportation back home will be arranged at the banquet and all members who come by cab will be delivered to their doors after the banquet is over. If you have not signed up yet, the deadline is January 7th, and Charlie Ryant can be reached at 862-2293 during the day.

DECEMBER MEETING NOTES

In the absence of the president, who was ill, Charlie Ryant took over and presided over the meeting.

Our ladies provided a delicious banquet of cookies, etc., and their generosity was appreciated to the extent that there was nothing left at the end of the session.

The gift swapping worked out beautifully and the swapping was something to behold. The ladies were given favors in the form of a plastic button with a Christmas design embossed on it.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE met and selected a slate of officers for 1974. Their choices are: William Pettit for President; Charles Ryant, Jr., for 1st Vice President; Art Allen for 2nd Vice President; and Alan Feinberg, Lou Nagy, Jim Budd and Adalbert Birkholz for Governors. The election will be held at the January meeting, at which time any member may make additional nominations from the floor.

EXHIBITS

GERDA BIRKHOLZ showed a series of Christmas medals on Postcards issued by the Franklin Mint and two medals sculpted by Henry Van Wolf, all of which depicted the Christmas theme from a religious point of view.

HARRY BOOSEL showed a medal from the second inaugural of Franklin Delano Roosevelt and told an interesting story of the way he profited from this particular medal.

The Chicago Coin Club was enriched by the election to membership of a new member, Margharita Vitali, who by special dispensation of the acting president, was proposed and elected to membership in the single meeting. Your editor has met Mrs. Vitali in the past and is sure that her services to the club will be of great value. Welcome, Rita.

BE SURE TO READ THIS

Effective with the February 1974 meeting, the Chicago Coin Club is going to have a new home. But no one will have to go very far outside of his way to come to any of the meetings. Arrangements have been made for us to meet on the same night, the second Wednesday of every month at the Herman Crown Center of Roosevelt University at 431 S. Wabash Ave. This is right across the street from where we have been meeting for a long time with the exception that the entrance to the building is on Wabash Ave. The exact room in which we will meet will be announced in the next issue of the CHATTER. As to why we are making the move, the only answer we can give, is the exigencies of economics.

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Your editor has only just returned from three weeks in Kansas City and has not had time to work up the second page. Forgive him please.



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661st MEETING

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IT'S OFFICIAL

THE CHICAGO COIN CLUB HAS A NEW HOME. Effective with this meeting we will be meeting at the Herman Crown Center, of Roosevelt University, 431 S. Wabash Ave., just a half block away from where we have been meeting for so long. The entrance is three doors north of Congress Street

The meetings will be held at the same time, 8:00 P.M. During the course of this year there will be a number of new things tried, all of which have the purpose of making the meetings more interesting for those who attend. Of this, more later.

The January dinner meeting was quite a success altho it was attended by only some 30 persons. It would seem that this year, quite a number of things were against it, notably the extremely bad wather and of course, the energy shortage. Notwithstanding, some thirty persons did turn out to enjoy a most excellent dinner and an interesting meeting, plus free cocktails which were provided by RARECOA (for which we wish to thank them).

In addition to the dinner, a regular business meeting was held during which the new officers (see list above) were installed by Harry X 1873.

The Cabeen awards were made for the first two 'best exhibitors' of the year. Gerda Birkholtz took first prize, while the runner up was Dave Schechter. These awards are for the exhibits at the regular meetings. Get in on it. Now is the time to get started for 1974.

President Pettit discussed a few of the new things he plans to introduce this year, among which will be a "swap" session to be held at each meeting, starting with the March meeting.

Bring some of the numismatic white elephants you have accumulated, or items in which you have no further interest and swap them for someone else's white elephant which may strike your numismatic funny-bone.

Don't bring anything expensive, just come to have some fun-just swapping. Remember, it starts with the March meeting. Come and enjoy.



Due to the pressure of other commitments, Dr. Alan Feinberg has had to resign his posts of both Director and Program Chairman. His position of Director will be filled at the February meeting and his job as program chairman (and it is a rough one) has been taken over by one of our newer members, Bill Dwyer.

The FEBRUARY PROGRAM will feature our own Gerda Birkholz who will talk on the "American Revolutionary Era in Medalllic Commemoratives". We all know Gerda's intense interest in this particular field of history and are certain that her presentation will be a bang up one. Come and enjoy.

CHATTERINGS

Our belated Birthday Greetings go to Cliff Lindall and Elston Bradfield who celebrated their birthdays in January. Cliff's was the 21st and Elston's was on the 28th.

For February we tip our piece of birthday cake to Tillie Boosel and Phyllis Pettit on the 2nd, and to Evelyn Hausske on the 4th. Many, many more happy returns of the day to all of you.

Every so often, the fortuitous happens and one of these occurred recently with your editor running across this article in a back issue of the Texas Numismatic Association Journal, whose subject matter seemed so timely, what with the start of the new year and the induction of a new slate of officers at our Club. The Editor wants to thank Ray Whyborn and TNA for the use of their article and asks that they treat kindly, the changes he has made in their original article.

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A new year is starting for the Chicago Coin Club with a new slate of officers and all sorts of new plans in the offing.

What do you expect from your coin club? Do you want a social time so you can swap a few coins, tell about the big deal you got on that special coin at that mail bid sale, learn what the latest price of silver is?

Do you want additional information from a well prepared set of slides, a well informed speaker, or an audience participation quiz? Do you want to share your hobby with others by preparing a simple exhibit, or help some kid get started by showing him how a coin club can help him?

Do you want to know what the ANA Authentication Trust or other national, state, or local organizations may have in store for you? If your answer is YES, come to your coin club's very next meeting. All of the above are happening, not all of them at every meeting of course, and if you are not there, you are missing them. Things have never been better than they are right now at C.C.C.

And for those of you who live far away, in the far distant world of the outside, look around right where you live. You will be very pleasantly surprised.

On the other hand, if you like bigotry, animosity, discord and squabbles, or power struggles and caste systems, you had better continue to stay away, because you will be awfully lonesome.

This hobby is one that cannot be fully enjoyed without sharing. How so many can collect beautiful coins, medals and other things numismatic and not want to share them, is beyond this writers understanding. The most common excuse given is, "I don't want to be robbed", or "I don't want any publicity."

Anyone who keeps his entire collection at home, or for that matter, even a good part of it, is, simply put, a damn fool. Collections, no matter of what, are valuable and belong in a bank vault. Burglars are running wild and most coin collections are stumbled upon by a burglar while he is searching for something else. Being a member in a local club, strengthens you and makes you more secure, since you can always call on a fellow collector for help. There has always been safety in numbers and this has not changed. With every potential buyer knowing what items you have, the problem of disposal becomes more difficult for the fence and may even increase your chances of recovery in case of a theft since many of your fellow collectors may recognize your items. An inventory of course, helps a good deal.

Almost any difficulty in a club is directly attributable to apathy on the part of some of the members. They don't like the programs yet they never speak up except in private to some other member. They don't like the officers yet they won't nominate other candidates who they think would do a better job, or one more to their liking, or they don't even bother to vote.

Your club officers spend many hours of their time, which is as limited as your own, and as valuable, trying to find entertaining programs for the new collector as well as the old, and they worry a lot. They worry about YOU, and how to hold your attention and stimulate your interest. They worry about how to get you to participate, and even to share. They know, that if you become really involved, you'll love it, and feel that inner joy that goes with sharing and helping your fellow collector by sharing your knowledge. They know that a cheerful and joyous attitude is contagious and this is one communicable thing that we all need more of.

Have you been to a good coin club meeting lately? If you haven't you don't know what you are missing. It will do you AND your hobby a lot of good. I hope to see you at the next meeting. Okay?

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662nd MEETING

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662nd MEETING

HERMAN CROWN CENTER, Roosevelt University, 431 S. Wabash Avenue

AS A REMINDER

Sometimes, habits are hard to break and the Editor wants to remind you all, that our meetings are now being held in our new home, the Herman Crown Center of Roosevelt University, 431 S. Wabash Avenue, in Chicago. The entrance is three doors north of Congress Street.

As a special service for those of us who drive cars to the meeting, two of the local garages have reductions in parking fees for those who have a receipt which has been validated at the Herman Crown Center. These are the lot on the south side of Congress Street between Wabash Avenue and Michigan and the first lot on the West side of Wabash Avenue, just south of Congress Street. Just have your parking ticket validated by the guard at the door of the Crown Center. Save a little money that way.

FEBRUARY MEETING NOTES

The Club met for the first time, in its new home and a few of the members experienced a slight difficulty in breaking the old habit of going over to the Congress Hotel first. But they all managed to get over to Roosevelt University for what was a most interesting meeting.

The awards for the program speakers of 1973 were presented. They were:

March	Wm. Pettit - Quiz
April	Saul Needleman - Introduction to U. S. Colonial currency.
May	Dave Schechter - Interesting byways of numismatics.
June	Alan Feinberg - World's most popular crowns.
July	Bob Leonard - Sunken and buried treasure.
August	Wm. Pettit - English Crowns
September	Harry Flowers - Gold throughout time.
October	Leonard Stark - The Bicentennial Medal program of the different states.

November Wm. Pettit - Women on Coins.

From this run down, you can see that 1973 was a real humdinger of a year, program wise. Why not make it a point, those of you within geographical reach, to get into the habit of attending the meetings. Just a listing like this scarcely does justice to the scope and depth of the subjects covered.

A new publication has appeared on the numismatic scene. It is WORLD COIN NEWS and it is published by Krause Publications. The first issue came out in January, 1974.

Bill Pettit told us about an auction recently held in California and about the outstanding group of Polish Coins and Paper money that were sold there, with particular mention of the prices realized at this sale. For those of us who can remember, not so many years ago, when the mere mention of foreign monies brought a sneer to a dealer's face, this sale, as well as most of the sales of 1973, were a shock, considering the prices that were realized for many of the items that were sold.

Lou Nagy filled us in on his observations at the F.U.N. show in Florida in January.

At this point, the Club's official appreciation and thanks were extended to Marjorie Baker, who has for so many years, devoted her time and energies to the job of Secretary-Treasurer of the Chicago Coin Club. For this editor she has ever been a real pleasure to work with - always ready to supply whatever information might be requested so that in some way, the CHATTER might be made more interesting. Many, many, thanks, Margie.

As her successor, Miss Leah Klein was appointed to the office of Secretary-Treasurer. While we are certain that Leah is going to do a good job, we do feel a little sorry for her. Since the steps she is going to be required to fill are so large we welcome Leah, glad to have her on board.

EXHIBITS

Gary Krug showed four pieces, shaped as hearts. One a W.W. Service Medal, another a World War I medal of the International order of Odd Fellows and the other two plaster medals from Thuringia.

Harry Boosel exhibited and told the story of the 1871 Paquet mint Medal (completed in 1873 naturally) which was awarded to George F. Robinson for saving the life of Secretary of State, Seward at the time of President Lincoln's assassination.

MARCH PROGRAM

This is a somewhat unusual program and devoted to a topic, most interesting and very seldom covered in clubs. It will be narrated by Stuart Koppel, a past president of the Aurora Coin Club, who has just undergone the interesting experience of being a member of the 1974 Assay Commission in Philadelphia. This is the group that checks out the new coinage to assure the people that it is up to par. Stuart has some very interesting facts to tell us about this particular commission. Come and learn what the future has in store for you as a collector of the U. S. coinage.

NUMISMA CYPRIOTICA

The Island of Cyprus, because of its location in the far eastern Mediterranean Sea, has had a long and at times turbulent history. Taken from the Greeks by the Turks, in 649 A.D., it was under the suzerainty of the Ottoman Empire for some 500 years. When the Crusaders began to wend their holy way to Jerusalem to liberate that city from what was then called the Infidel, Cyprus was a strategic point directly in their path. It was taken by Richard the Lion Hearted, King of England, and added to his realm; but Richard, who constantly needed money, didn't hold on to it long. He sold it to the Knights Templar, a quasi religious order, who in turn gave it to Guy of Lusignan when he was King of Jerusalem (1186-92). Thence it descended thru the Kings of Sicily to Catherine of Savoy who sold it to the Republic of Venice in 1489.

The Venetian Republic was a strong mercantile empire which jealously guarded all its commercial strong points. The Lion of St. Mark therefore became a familiar sight, flying over many of the islands in the eastern Mediterranean. This situation went on for about three quarters of a century in Cyprus until feelings

of nationalism and expansion again began to make themselves felt in the Ottoman Empire.

The battle between Christendom and the world of Islam had been going on for a long time. The Turks had established a foothold on the European continent itself when they captured Constantinople in 1453; subsequently their armies inched their way across Europe to the gates of Vienna but had been unsuccessful in their efforts to take that city.

Now in the latter part of the 1500's Suleiman, Emperor of the Turks began a strong new campaign to assert once again the expansionist policies of his Turkish forbears and decided to take the Island of Cyprus—not only because of its strategic position but also because it was a haven for Christian Corsairs (another name for pirates), who were using it as a base for raids on Turkish shipping in the eastern Mediterranean. He gathered his forces and attacked the capital city of Cyprus, Famagusta. The fighting was fierce and the siege long. The city finally fell to the Turks in 1571 and was held by them for almost 400 years.

The defeated forces were mercenaries with nothing to lose, politically speaking, and much to gain socially and economically. The profession of the mercenary was a reputable one and one of the few ways in which the sons of commoners might win fame and fortune. Especially for paying these soldiers, a little copper piece was minted. Slightly larger than a quarter in size, it was given the fancy name 'bezant', a name generally given to a silver coin (solidus). Due to the exigency of the situation and the shortage of precious metals of silver and gold, copper was used. The obverse bears the lion of St. Mark, the hallmark of the Venetian Republic and below it appears the date 1570. Around the rim are the words PRO REGNI CYPRI PRESSIDIO (for the regime of the Fortress of Cyprus). The reverse bears the grand phrase, VENETORU FIDES INVIOLEBILIS (faith in Venice is inviolable) BISANTE I, the value assigned. Above this is a small angel flying. This is truly a significant piece, portraying as it does, a difficult time in history.

PROGRAM

Gerda Birkholz exhibited numerous coins and medals, mostly of George Washington, in her program "The Revolutionary War Illustrated in Metal". Because Gerda's exhibit was so extensive, the meeting was adjourned early so that the many who wished could view the exhibit.



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663rd MEETING

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AS A REMINDER

Some 20 odd of the membership have not yet paid their 1974 dues. We urge them to send in their dues immediately. Due to the increased costs of the CHATTER, the raise in postage rates and a number of other factors, they cannot be carried on the rolls indefinitely. One more notice will be sent to each of these and if no payment is received during April, you will be dropped from the rolls as of May 1st.

The rates are: Regular membership, \$5.00, Non Residents, \$2.50 and Associate memberships, \$1.00. Please take care of this. We hate to lose any of you thru oversight.

DON'T FORGET

Starting in April we are having a three month trial of SWAP sessions. Bring your numismatic white elephants along and swap for someone else's white elephant. Or bring some interesting material you want to trade for.

While we want to avoid, if possible, any commercialism, if you can't agree on a swap, buy what you want or sell what you have at a mutually agreeable price. We want to see some activity in this area, so look thru your dupes or the things in which you no longer have any interest. There is no limit on the variety of things you can swap-buy-sell. As long as they fall under the broad umbrella of numismatics.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Charlie Ryant on the 1st, Dave Schechter on the 8th, Sam Carlson on the 22nd and Eric Blomquist on the 24th. This is all of the April birthdays we have record of. Your Editor is still managing to down a piece of birthday cake in their honor, with a double this month for his own.

APRIL PROGRAM

Mr. John Miller, who spent three years in the back country of Africa will show some of the Odd and Curious monies used there as well as some slides of his experiences there. Should be a goodie. Don't miss it.

EXHIBITS

Gerda Birkholz showed two medals of the Boston Massacre of 1776 and told of the series of accidental incidents that led to it and the advantage of it taken by an influential colonial firebrand, Sam Adams to stir up the populace.

Art Allen showed several pieces which covered 2000 years of history depicting nature on coins; a centaur on an Antonianus of ancient Rome and the Brunswick horse on a Westphalia piece of necessity money of 1923.

Harry Boosel showed several different 1873-1973 Canadian sets of coins.

Dave Schechter showed the copper coin of Cyprus that was the subject of the March CHATTER article.

Glenn Smedley displayed a beautiful medal of Jean Harlow sculpted by Elizabeth Jones as well as an antique scale used for weighing British half-sovereign and sovereign gold pieces.

Chet Podersky showed several medals having as their subject "Cathedrals or Medals".

MARCH MEETING PROGRAM

We heard an interesting talk, an account of the live experiences of Stuart Koppel as a member of the Assay Commission in Philadelphia on February 13th. IT IS OFFICIAL - the aluminum pennies are definitely on the way. They are already being minted and samples were shown (but not given) to the 25 commissioners who worked at the PYX. Their

group was divided into three parts, each of which worked at either counting, weighing or assaying the sample bags of coins, turned in by each mint periodically. His story as to the trials and tribulations of getting on the commission was a novel in itself. Congratulations COMMISSIONER Koppel. We enjoyed your program very much.

CONVENTION NEWS

The Morton Grove Coin Club is having its annual Spring Coin Festival on April 28th at the Leaning Tower YMCA, 6300 W. Touhy Ave. They always put on a good show with exhibits that are far better than those shown generally by a club of their size. Be sure to get there.

The annual convention of the Central States Numismatic Society will be held May 9th thru the 12th at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Detroit, Mich. The auction is being conducted by RARECOA. Write them for a catalog if you are interested. Their address is 31 N. Clark St., Chicago, Il. 60602.

WHITHER GO'EST THOU NUMISMATICS?

The time has come, it seems, when many will have to re-evaluate their ideas of what numismatics or coin collecting is. Most of us have been used, in the past, to the sight of someone starting a collection of U.S. pennies, nickels, dimes, etc., from pocket change. This collection, rudimentary as it was, was often enough to start many a young person on a life-long career as a numismatist.

Starting out this way he soon branched into other aspects of numismatics and began to develop a well rounded numismatic personality.

Those days are gone forever. With the increase of the bullion value, first of gold, then of silver, these have completely disappeared from pocket change for some time now. Now it looks as though the lowly copper penny is going to join them. The price of copper has been steadily mounting and now it approaches closely that critical point where it will be worthwhile to melt the copper pennies for their bullion value alone. The new pennies will be aluminum but how long can that be a profitable venture for the Mint.

One of our members, Harry Boosel, has long been advocating a 2-1/2¢ piece, but to no avail. But who knows. Perhaps one day Harry will be known as a prophet.

This means that other avenues must be found to lure the budding collector into the folds of numismatics. What are these avenues? The writer frankly admits that he does not know. Perhaps we have to redefine what it is that will attract him or her and so, some other avenues must be suggested.

The writer long ago came to the point where additional involvement in his own particular numismatic specialty was getting to a point where each additional purchase was a costly one, so he began to branch out into other fields hoping to find some area where his interest might be continually stimulated without him having to "go broke" supporting this interest.

One of the things that he found interesting was the field of emergency money, an inexhaustible field that for the present at least, can be tilled at very low cost. The necessities of the different countries offer fascinating documentation of the times that spawned them. Their variety is limitless. Even our own United States had a case of emergency money that was issued as late as 1943. This is of course a reference to the Boise Idaho penny, issued in that year. And right now, in this year of 1974 we have a new field of emergency money relatively little known, the private monies issued by grocery stores as change for food certificates. By law they are prohibited from giving the change in U.S. Coinage, so they solve the problem by issuing their own coinage usually paper or cardboard coupons good for future purchases in their chain. As yet, the writer has not heard of any that are being honored in other chains, but is that day far off?

Tokens and medals offer another avenue in which the budding numismatist can be directed. Each of these tells a story—a snippet of history, personal, regional or national.

While the writer objects to the proliferation of medals on all sorts of subjects which are cascading from every firm that has a stamping press and a promoter with a fertile imagination, this by no means excludes the vast field of medals with a truly valid reason for issuance that transcends the profit motive.

What do you think about this? Drop me a line and let me know how you feel. After all, many of you have been involved with numismatics far longer than has the Editor. Do you think he is nuts? What not drop him a line and tell him so.



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DON'T FORGET

Starting with the April meeting we were going to have swapping sessions at each meeting. Well, the April swapping session was far from a success since only three people brought anything at all, and the variety was so great, there could be no meeting of the minds, hence no swapping. The three, tho, did enjoy looking thru each other's material. For the May meeting, let each and every member bring some things to swap - things that don't mean too much to us and that the trading off of, would result in no great financial loss. Come on - we agreed that this would be a good idea - let's give it a real chance to work. It seems as tho the consensus still seems to favor U. S. coins, and altho this is not your Editor's cup of tea, he will bring some along next time. REMEMBER, May 8th is SWAP NIGHT at the Chicago Coin Club.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Well, apparently, the month of May is one that was skipped, when members of the C.C.C. were born, because we have no record of any of our members being born in that month. Ah well, there I go, losing out on a piece of birthday cake.

APRIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Bill Pettit gave us a detailed report on the status of the 1976 Central States Convention which is going to be held in Chicago in April of 1976 in conjunction with the Bicentennial celebration and which the Chicago Coin Club is going to host. Bill is engaged in looking over the various sites where the show might be held. At this time, tho, no definite site has been chosen. The Club stands to benefit a great deal from this show but a great deal of help will be needed from different members. At the meeting, the following members were selected for some of the committees that will be required.

Bill Pettit, General Chairman
Harry Boosel, Advisor to Chairman
Louis Nagy, Bourse Chairman
Frieda Schnell, in charge of registration
Dave Schechter, will do Publicity
Marjorie Baker will head the Hospitality committee with the help of Tillie Boosel.

The PROGRAM was beautiful. John Miller showed some interesting pieces of West African money including a manilla and a Gizza penny. After looking at that piece of iron, I wonder how many holes the pockets they are carried in must have. It looks as tho mama would have a regular sewing job. Guess we are lucky that our money, (such as it is) is of a little more regular shape. But the best part of John's program was the photo tour that he took us on, thru the ports, streets, houses and market places of that part of Africa. Wonderful things, 35 mm. slides. Your Editor loved each and every one of them, especially the one of the lady who advertised the 'goodies' that came with her by wearing all sorts of coinage woven into her hair and about her body. Quite a bit of advertising there. Those of you within 100 miles, who didn't attend, really missed a good show.

EXHIBITS

Gerda Birkholz did it again. This being Passion week, she brought along a series of beautiful medals, depicting the theme "A short history of the life of Jesus Christ."

Dave Schechter brought a book on Siege Coins, and a piece of the current emergency money of Italy, and interesting little piece of Cardboard from Bologna.

POTPOURRI

One of the pleasant things about being Editor is that every so often one gets a real pleasant surprise, and this time the Editor got several. We have just heard from M. H. Bolender who writes to tell us that he and Mrs. Bolender are enjoying life in sunland (California, that is) and still visiting the various coin shows and conventions in their part of the country. Some of you may recall his definitive work on Early U. S. Silver Dollars. It is still a classic. He also ran the auction at the ANA Convention in Chicago in 1929. He wants to be remembered to all of you and I hope that this serves the purpose. Any of you who want to get in touch with him, just drop me a line and I will be glad to forward his address. Incidentally, he boosted your Editor's ego by suggesting that his salary be raised. Listening, boss? Guess I have at least one reader out there.

A little while back our Lou Nagy met Harold Klein down in Florida. Harold asks to be remembered to all his friends and hope that you will get in touch with him when you are down Florida way.

Clyde L. Grimm, one of our long time members and Mrs. Grimm are going to be at the May meeting. They ask that their friends be at the meeting as this will be their only opportunity to see their old friends while they are in Chicago. Clyde is up from Texas way. The Grimm's are on the way to Detroit for a short visit. To refresh your memory, Clyde was president of C.C.C. in 1953-54.

To those of you who have not seen him for some time, Don Doswell sends his best. We miss you buddy. Do try to get up here a little more often.

Our Belated Birthday Greetings go to Arlie Slabaugh whose birthday, we have just learned, was on April 26th. Don't worry Arlie, I had plenty of cake last month. But I sure feel cheated about May.

Walter Nemecek was involved in an auto accident on the Dan Ryan on April 22nd, in which he, his wife and his sister-in-law were rather badly hurt. At the present time, Walter is in Mercy Hospital at 25th & Prairie Sts. Drop him a line or if you get a chance, stop in for a short visit when you are in the neighborhood.

With the increasingly fast pace of modern living, ever new diseases are being visited on modern man and your editor ran across this one

and thought that you might be interested in it, since so many of you seem to be affected by it. It is called

NUMISMATICITIS*

It is very contagious for all ages. Symptoms-Victim never has enough time to get all those coins sorted and into albums. Breaks out in a cold sweat in strange attics or near a large jar of mixed coins. Frequently found checking prices in lists or coin guides. Sometimes mumbles to self. Very often deaf to spouse or children. Always checks any change handed him (or her). Spends a lot of time at coin shows and once in a while even looks at the exhibits.

Always carries a check list. Always ready to swap with some other victim of the disease who has something that he wants. When two or more of them get together in the same room they become oblivious to everyone and everything. There is no known cure.

Treatment - Medication is useless. This disease is never fatal unless death is supplied by exasperated spouse. Victim should be given numismatic gifts on birthdays, Christmas time and on any other occasions especially unbirthdays. Victim can generally be calmed by permitting him or her to associate with other victims of the disease.

*NUMISMATICITIS - A disease that rests the nerves, irons out the aches and pains, furnishes intellectual food for the student, banishes care, satisfies the artistic temperament and earns dividends for the cool and calculating.

Is exceedingly contagious. More than 15 million cases reported in the U.S. last year.

THE MAY PROGRAM

As it happens, according to Murphy's Law, or the law of Finagle, or no matter how you put it, plans for the May program got a little bit fouled up. But, since we do have in the club some inexhaustible talents, we have called upon one of them and Bill Pettit will be the speaker for the May meeting.

His program will be "Coins of Colonial America" Come, see and learn about this interesting factor of American Numismatics.



CHICAGO COIN CLUB

Chatter

MEETS THE SECOND WEDNESDAY - 8:00 P.M.

VOL. 26 No. 6

665th MEETING

JUNE 12, 1974

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SOME GOOD IDEAS die aborning-and that is how it was with the swapping idea. Altho theoretically it should have been a great success, practically, it just never worked out. So it is, with great reluctance, that we lay it to rest. Pax Vobiscum.

THE MAY PROGRAM

Bill Pettit spoke on Early American Colonial Coins, telling of their history, their reasons for issuance and spiced up his program by displaying a variety of the pieces from his collection of early Americana. One thing we can always count on from Bill, and that is to add spice to what might be otherwise considered a "dry" topic, and he sure did not disappoint us. His program gave an aliveness and sparkle to this subject which is generally told as a sort of "dry" book. Thanks Bill.

A HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO Adalbert Birkholz on the 8th, and Dick Yeoman on the 19th. Glad to see that this is not a starvation month for yours truly.

WE WELCOME

Richard Hartzog, our latest member. His primary numismatic interest is in U. S. Coinage. For those of you interested in statistics, Dick is No. 883.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MAY MEETING

No question about this one - it was the visit of Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Grimm, who came up from Texas to be with us for the occasion. It's a real pleasure meeting with old friends again. We hope that we can see a few more. faces as the summer rolls on.

Bill Pettit made a report on a new book, the "Official Guide to Coin Collecting" by Brad Mills. It is highly recommended reading for any collector, regardless of his level of numismatic competence.

EXHIBITS:

Harry Boesel, who has been advocating the issuance of a 2-1/2¢ coin for a number of years, showed letters between himself and various treasury officials, together with a number of newspaper and magazine articles discussing the feasibility of this project. Who knows, Harry may get to be a prophet in his own lifetime. Clyde Grimm showed a medal-coin from Cas-torland, a colony in New York State.

Gerda Birkholz displayed some new German pieces she had just received together with their new style packaging.

Dave Schechter showed some Italian trial pieces. Frank Zoylic exhibited a silver medal commemorating the defeat of the Turkish horde at the walls of Vienna in 1653 by John Sobiewski.

THINGS THEY'RE DOING

This is something new that your Editor is starting. An effort to get more of the membership outside Chicago, involved in the activities of the club. We know that many of you must be doing things in numismatics that we would be interested in. We urge you to let us know about them. Many of these ideas might prove of interest to other members-open up new avenues of exploration to them. So let us hear about it when you give a program, write an article, exhibit somewhere, do anything to promote numismatics.

Admiral Dodson has been setting up exhibitions in the Champaign-Urbana area where he resides. Of late he has exhibited several coin groupings at the Champaign National Bank on such subjects as "Coins of Many Lands" and "Pieces of Eight". This is one way of getting non-numismatics to learn about the pleasure of numismatics.

Dave Schechter had a small exhibit at the Melrose Park National Bank regarding inflation money. He showed and told the story of the cardboard penny of Boise, Idaho of 1943. In view of the "gossip" that the mint may allow large private firms to issue their own pennies for inter-store use, this was felt to be particularly appropriate.

THE JUNE PROGRAM

will be a series of slides on the subject "Coins of Special Significance".



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MEETS THE SECOND WEDNESDAY - 8:00 P.M.

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666th MEETING

JULY 10, 1974

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666th MEETING

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THE JUNE MEETING was quite a good one, well attended since 33 members showed up. A number of reports were made by Bill Pettit and Glenn Smedley who in addition to reporting about the ANA Convention to be held in Florida in August, spoke about a special reception held by the Consul General of Canada in promotion of the Olympic series of Canadian coins.

The donated auction, which was planned for the August meeting will be held in September instead. Bring your material to the August meeting.

A new program is being started, the collection of nostalgia and memorabilia of same; a scrapbook of members achievements will henceforth be maintained. The gal in charge of this project is Frieda Schnell. Help her along in whatever way you can.

The secretary read a survey which she has compiled about the membership which shows that we have the following.

0 - 99 numbers	1 member
100 - 199 "	5 members
200 - 299 "	11 members
300 - 399 "	10 members
400 - 499 "	12 members
500 - 599 "	19 members
600 - 699 "	32 members
700 - 799 "	31 members
800 - "	40 members

Now all we have to do is find out just when the different numbers started and ended and we will really have some good historical data to work with.

EXHIBITS

We really hit the jack pot with this category this time. The exhibitors were: Harry Flowers, Richard Hartzog, Frieda Schnell, Bill Dwyer, Harry Boosel, Glenn Smedley, Dave Schechter, Gerda Birkholz, Arthur Allen and Leah Klein.

THE PROGRAM of the evening was a presentation of a series of educational slides from the ANA collection. These covered the "history of coins" and the talk about them was narrated by Bill Pettit, who added to the flavor of each coin by inserting some of the knowledge that he has about them. All in all, it was a most pleasurable presentation.

THE JULY PROGRAM is going to be a truly unique one for the Club and every member who possibly can, is urged to attend.

The Speaker of the evening is going to be Mr. Jack Ahr, the designer of the winning entry for the Centennial quarter. We have never had any program like this before and the advance poop that your editor has been given indicates that this will be a presentation, unlike any that we have ever had before. Again, your editor urges that you attend the July meeting.

A SPECIAL INVITATION is extended to our members of long standing to drop the secretary a line and let her know just how things are going with you as well as letting her know about some of the things that happened way back there in the dim distant past. Your memories are a wonderful storehouse. Please, please share them with those of us who have come later, but who still want to know how things were back in the "good old days". Come on now, let's hear from you.



CHICAGO COIN CLUB

Chatter

MEETS THE SECOND WEDNESDAY - 8:00 P.M.

VOL. 26 No. 8

667th MEETING

AUGUST 14, 1974

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667th MEETING

HERMAN CROWN CENTER, ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY, 431 S. WABASH AVENUE

THE PROGRAM of the July meeting was everything that one could have asked for. It was interesting, in fact it was most interestingly presented. Jack Ahr introduced himself as a non-speaker, but his presentation gave the lie to his words. He was terrific and his story of just how he became involved with the project of designing a reverse for the centennial quarter, the development of the idea and its execution and the manner in which he was notified of his design's acceptance as THE one that would be used was truly most interesting and entertaining. He took those of us present into the world of the celebrity, by bringing us into his experiences and allowing us to share in them. He also brought along a plaster model, and showed the mechanical development of a coin thru the pen and ink sketch and its development into a three dimensional project as a galvano. Truly a once in a lifetime opportunity and those of us who were present really enjoyed every minute of it.

THE EXHIBITS

were rather skimpy since only two of the members brought anything to show. Gerda Birkholtz showed several bronze medals and supporting data of the drafters and signers of the Declaration of Independence. Ah, yes, Gerda, we can always count on you, thank goodness.

Dave Schechter showed a Swiss medal of great historical interest, commemorating a series of battles which the Swiss fought for their independence, back in 1476. The particular medal which he showed was struck in 1676 to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the battles fought at Murten in Switzerland.

A HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Aubree Bebee on July 9th, Chet Podersky on July 4th (lots of celebrating here), Glenn Smedley on July 13th, and Phil Budd on July 15th.

THE AUGUST BIRTHDAYS are really something. This is the month for M. H. Bolender, who celebrates his 80th birthday on August 23rd. Now that is really something. A most happy, happy birthday to you M.H. (I never have known what they stood for) and may it be the first of a long, long string of birthdays. Keep in touch your letters are always welcome.

Some other Augusters are Harry Boosel who celebrates his on the 17th, Don Doswell who makes it on the 26th, and John Manus whose lucky day is the 16th. Oh boy, ye olde editor of this here CHATTER is really living it up this month.

SOME OF THEM have been doing things: Yep, Glenn Smedley received a ANA certificate for his program on engraving which he gave before the Aurora coin club and Dave Schechter also got one for his program on interesting byways of numismatics that he gave before the same club some months previous.

Since there is so much talent and ability in many of the rest of you, why play Diogenes and hide it under a bushel. Knowledge is no good unless it is shared, so share it and let us know about it.

THE AUGUST PROGRAM

David Singer of the Midwest Elongated Collectors club will be the guest speaker. He will describe this interesting offshoot of numismatics and illustrate some of the techniques used, in the manufacture of elongated coins. He tells us that he will have a few of them to pass out to those interested. Any members who have any elongated coins they they want appraised are asked to bring them to the meeting.



CHICAGO COIN CLUB

Chatter

MEETS THE SECOND WEDNESDAY - 8:00 P.M.

VOL. 26 No. 10

669th MEETING

OCTOBER 9, 1974

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669th MEETING

HERMAN CROWN CENTER, ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY, 431 S. WABASH AVENUE

SEPTEMBER 11 MEETING NOTES

Since there was no September CHATTER (due to transition of editorship), President Pettit commented on the excellent talk made by David Singer at the August meeting. As one who made elongated coins at the 1933-34 Century of Progress Expo., Singer is well acquainted with that phase of numismatics and knows how to expound on it. Only 12 persons were present, due in part to the A.N.A. convention having taken some members to Florida.

The feature of the September meeting was an auction of donated items that netted \$91.25 to our treasury. Some of the coins and medals sold quite well but literature went begging. Must be we have "read it all."

Upon the second reading of his application, Ira R. Berlin was voted to membership.

Delayed in being received, the Richard McP. Cabeen exhibit awards for 1973 were presented, first place to Gerda Birkholz and second to David Schechter who is on an extended trip to Europe. Exhibits at the meeting were by Arthur Allen, Gerda Birkholz, Harry Boosel, Richard Hartzog and Glenn Smedley.

COMING EVENTS - IN OCTOBER

Lots'a members have October birthdays, including the following: Kenneth Bressett and Richard Ting Mei, 5th; Harry Schwimmer, 10th; Robert Eckardt and Frank Zaylik, 12th; Marcella Sheldon, 14th; Harry Flower, 16th; Margo Russell, 17th; Phyllis Eisenberg and Chester Michals, 19th; M. Vernon Sheldon, 20th; James Grebinger, 21st; Marty Greene and L. S. Werner, 22nd; and Marjorie Baker, 26th.

C.C.C. MEETING, 9th. Al Birkholz will show his excellent slides of "World Trade Dollars" as the feature of this meeting. I have seen these slides and can assure everyone that with Al's

commentary, they make an interesting and informative program.

PNG SHOW, 17-20. Many of you attended this major dealer event last year at the Sheraton-Oak Brook Motor Hotel and, presumably, it will be worthy of your attention again, at the same convenient location.

CHATTERINGS

At the September meeting Sec-Treas. Leah Klein read a list of CCC members she saw at the Bal Harbour ANA convention. A few other members added several names to make the list come to 37, including a few wives who aren't on our membership roll. We probably missed a few so won't name all, but can say that among the old-time regulars were Aubrey and Adeline Bebee, Michael Dolnick, Harold and Blanche Klein, Vernon and Marcella Sheldon, and Arlie Slabaugh. No small part of the fun of being at a convention is seeing old friends.

Member Chester Krause has a new monthly publication, "World Coin News." It's in the same format as his popular "Numismatic News" and he'll send a sample copy to any CCC member who requests it: Krause Publication, Iola, Wis. 54945. Include your Zip Code.

In the July CHATTER Editor Schechter asked long-standing members to recite some of their experiences of the "dim distant past." Coincidence! I was asked to speak at the convention luncheon-meeting of the Society of Paper Money Collectors and, lured with flattery, I agreed. What to talk about without being a verbose bore? I decided upon reminiscing on past experiences that prove my contention that "The best thing about numismatics is numismatics." Several commented favorably on the talk after the meeting.



CHICAGO COIN CLUB *Chatter*

MEETS THE SECOND WEDNESDAY - 8:00 P.M.

VOL. 26 No. 11

670th MEETING

NOVEMBER 13, 1974

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OCTOBER 9 MEETING NOTES

Members who don't get to meetings (only two dozen at this one) may be interested in knowing that the treasurer's report showed \$435 in our checking account, with an unpaid bill of \$41, \$833 in a savings account, and \$4071 in a certificate of deposit. Our rent-free meeting room in Roosevelt University's Herman Crown Center is keeping us afloat financially.

A.N.A. Educational Award certificates were presented to Gerda Birkholz and President Pettit for club talks they made recently. Pettit appointed a nominating committee of Frank Zaylik, J. Thomas Nolan and William Dwyer to select a slate of candidates for Club offices in 1975.

Charles Ryant reported for the committee that included Arthur Allen, Lee Hewitt and J. T. Nolan on arrangements for our annual dinner meeting to be held January 8. They selected the Golden Age Restaurant at 4545 West 95th Street where the last dinner was held. Tickets, covering ALL dinner costs, are \$6.00 and those planning to attend should notify Secretary Leah Klein at the December meeting, or at P.O. Box 2301, Chicago 60690, by December 9.

Exhibits were by Gerda Birkholz, Harry Boosel, Gary Krug, Glenn Smedley and Frank Zaylik. A. R. Birkholz exhibited some of the subject coins of his slide talk on "World Trade Dollars Used in the Eastern Hemisphere." These are interesting coins that deserve more attention by collectors, and Al's talk and slides were well received. By the way, John M. Willem's book The United States Trade Dollar, America's Only Unwanted, Unhonored Coin, by Whitman Publishing Co., 1965, covers trade dollars much more comprehensively than the title indicates.

COMING EVENTS - NOVEMBER

Arthur Allen will be our speaker at the Nov.

13 meeting. As usual, one can't foresee what Art will say by the title of his talk, but I understand this time it will relate to an odyssey in Japan. Personally, I am sorry that Art's leaving us next spring; he always comes up with a fresh approach in his exhibits and discussions.

November birthdays of members include Richard Hartzog, Stewart Koppel and Peter Spadoni, 4th; August Hausske, 6th; Richard Peterson and Tom Ryan, 7th; Hugh Knight, 16th; and Dr. B. R. Jones, 27th.

CHATTERINGS

The Calumet Numismatic Club, 2nd oldest in Indiana (Indianapolis C. C. two months older) held its 400th meeting, a family-style dinner, on October 16 at San Remos Restaurant in Griffith. President Fay C. Smith welcomed about 70 members and friends, included A.N.A. Pres. Virginia Culver who Fay introduced as a school teacher, wife, mother, writer, first woman to head both TAMS and ANA, and a chorus girl (see P. 2282 Nov. The Numismatist for the latter). It was a warm and fitting observance of this Club's milestone meeting.

The Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau has written to urge us to invite the A.N.A. to hold its 1979 convention in Chicago. In the normal course of events, the A.N.A. board will name the 1979 host city at its meeting in Los Angeles next August. It must have time to check out facilities in advance. The Bureau's letter will be presented at the November meeting - how shall we answer it?

This member suggests formation of a Greater Chicago Area Numismatic Clubs Council to deal with problems like this. It is long overdue, and needs only a ball-carrier to get started.



CHICAGO COIN CLUB

Chatter

MEETS THE SECOND WEDNESDAY - 8:00 P.M.

VOL. 26 No. 12

671st MEETING

DECEMBER 11, 1974

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NOVEMBER 13 MEETING NOTES

Missing the November meeting due to a miserable cold places a handicap on your editor in reporting happenings at it. I much appreciate Secretary Leah Klein's comprehensive minutes of our meetings.

President Pettit reported briefly on the October 16 400th meeting of the Calumet Numismatic Club, the PNG show in Oak Brook, the Oak Park Coin Club's annual show on November 3 and the Aurora Coin Club annual show the following Sunday.

Exhibits and talks about them were by Gerda Birkholz, William Dwyer, William Holm, Gary Krug, and Frank Zaylik. Let's have MORE exhibitors!

Arthur Allen presented the evening's program on "Japan: A Numismatic Journey." As always; Arthur's color slides were excellent and the accompanying talk was in his inimitable manner.

DECEMBER 11 MEETING NOTICE

This will be the traditional Christmas meeting, with coffee furnished by the Club, cookies and cake by the members. There will be no special program but good-fellowship by everyone. Let's have a big turnout and plenty of interesting exhibits. By the way, NO grab bag of presents this year (we are helping fight inflation).

As this CHATTER is prepared, the nominating committee has not completed its slate of candidates for 1975 officers. It expects to make its report at the December meeting, at which our bylaws require the election to be held.

CHATTERINGS

It is a pleasure to report that Leonard Stark's recuperating nicely at home from a "visit" to the hospital following a heart attack. He says that the medics predict a full recovery. Easy does it, Leonard!

In remitting his dues for 1975, C. Sam Carlson (member 221) sent greetings to his friends and CCC members. It's nice to hear from you, Sam, and we do wish you good health and happiness.

Unreported at the time, it has been confirmed that Eric G. Blomquist (member 129), one of our longest-time members, died several months ago. He and your editor were fellow employees of the Commonwealth Edison Company.

Among the items to be offered at an auction by Hanzel Galleries, 1120 S. Michigan Ave., is "an extensive collection of Franklin Mint silver medals (several series) and 1970 bank ingots. The sales will be on December 8, 9 and 10, 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. daily. The notice did not state when the FM items will be sold but one probably can find out from a phone call to 922-6234. Hanzel Galleries is an old firm that enjoys a fine reputation.

ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

Vice President Charles Ryant has completed the arrangements for our dinner meeting at the Golden Age Restaurant, 4545 West 95th Street. Just how he managed to line up steak dinners for \$6.00, tax and tip included, is his secret. Dinner will be served at 7:45 but try to arrive about 7:00 for a bit of liquid refreshment and exchange of greetings.

Those who need transportation should be at the Hilton Hotel, 720 S. Michigan doors, by 6:00 p.m. Freida Schnell is in charge of transportation and will see that "pedestrians" get to the dinner and home for not more than \$2.50 per person, 4 or 5 in a cab. Be on time if you need a ride.

Buy your tickets at the December meeting or get in touch with Ryant (phone 862-2293) for reservations before December 30. Won't YOU help make good turnout at this once-a-year event whereat the officers for next year will be installed.

May Your Christmas be Ever So Merry and the New Year Bring All You Wish for.



CHICAGO COIN CLUB

MEETS THE SECOND WEDNESDAY - 8:30 P.M.

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Missing the November meeting due to a minor cold placed a handicap on your editor in reporting happenings at this much anticipated Secretary Jack Klein's comprehensive review of the meeting.

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